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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:) Chapter 11
)
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al.,¹) Case No. 01-1139 (JKF)
) (Jointly Administered)

Debtors.)

**AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY CODE**

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¹ The "Debtors," and all capitalized terms not defined in this Disclosure Statement, are defined in the Glossary. The Glossary is included as Exhibit 2 to the Exhibit Book. The Exhibit Book (and each Exhibit thereto) is incorporated by reference into this Disclosure Statement.

**NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND/OR EQUITY INTERESTS AND GENERAL
DISCLAIMERS WITH RESPECT TO THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Bankruptcy Code requires that a party proposing a chapter 11 plan of reorganization prepare and file a document with the Bankruptcy Court called a "Disclosure Statement." This document is the proposed Disclosure Statement for the Debtors' Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. All Exhibits to this Disclosure Statement are incorporated into and made a part of this Disclosure Statement as if set forth in full herein.

The Plan Proponents are providing the information in this Disclosure Statement solely for the purposes of providing information concerning the Plan to Holders of Claims against or Equity Interests in the Debtors so that those who are entitled to vote on the Plan can make an informed decision with respect to voting on acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

No one is authorized to provide to any other party information concerning the Plan other than the contents of this Disclosure Statement. Except as set forth in this Disclosure Statement, no representations concerning the Debtors, their assets, past or future business operations, the financial information or the Plan are authorized, nor should any such representations be relied upon in arriving at a decision with respect to the Plan. Holders of Claims or Equity Interests should not rely on any information, representations, or inducements made to obtain acceptance or rejection of the Plan that are other than, or inconsistent with, the information contained herein and in the Plan. Any representations made to secure acceptance or rejection of the Plan other than those contained in this Disclosure Statement should be reported to counsel for the Debtors. The statements and information about the Debtors, including all Financial Information and information regarding Claims or Equity Interests contained herein, have been prepared from documents and information prepared by the Debtors or their Professionals.

Nothing contained in this Disclosure Statement is, or shall be deemed to be, an admission or statement against interest by the Plan Proponents for purposes of any pending or future litigation matter or proceeding. Moreover, this Disclosure Statement does not constitute, and may not be construed as, an admission of fact or liability, a stipulation, or a waiver. Instead, this Disclosure Statement should be construed as a statement made in settlement negotiations related to contested matters, adversary proceedings and other pending or threatened litigation or actions.

The description herein of the Plan only is a summary, and Holders of Claims and/or Equity Interests are urged to review the entire Plan, which is included as Exhibit 1 to the Exhibit Book. In the event that there is any inconsistency or conflict between this Disclosure Statement and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.

This Disclosure Statement also summarizes Financial Information and other documents. The Financial Information and other documents incorporated by reference herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to those documents. In the event there is any inconsistency or discrepancy between a description in this Disclosure Statement and the Financial Information or other documents so described, the underlying Financial Information or other documents, as the case may be, shall govern for all purposes.

Further, each Holder of a Claim and/or Equity Interest that is entitled to vote is encouraged to seek the advice of its own counsel before casting a Ballot and/or Master Ballot, as applicable.

Although certain of the attorneys, accountants, advisors and other Professionals retained and/or employed by the Plan Proponents have assisted in preparing this Disclosure Statement, which is based upon factual information and assumptions respecting financial, business and accounting data found in the books and records of the Debtors, they have not independently verified such information. The attorneys, accountants, advisors, and other Professionals retained and/or employed by the Plan Proponents do not provide any warranty, representation or guaranty regarding the accuracy of any information contained in this Disclosure Statement or any of the Plan Documents and shall have no liability for any inaccurate, untrue or incomplete information contained in this Disclosure Statement or any of the Plan Documents.

Further, there has been no independent audit of the proforma or prospective financial information contained in this Disclosure Statement, and no fairness opinion has been obtained regarding the value of the Debtors' assets and the amount of their liabilities. The factual information regarding the Debtors and their assets and liabilities has been provided by the Debtors or otherwise derived from the Debtors' schedules, available public records, pleadings, reports on file with the Court, the Debtors' internal documents and related documents specifically identified herein. While the Plan Proponents endeavored to provide accurate information herein, the Plan Proponents cannot, and do not, warrant or represent that the information contained in this Disclosure Statement does not contain any material inaccuracy.

The Plan Proponents and their Professionals have also endeavored to identify in this Disclosure Statement and the Plan certain pending litigation claims and potential causes of action and objections to Claims. However, no reliance should be placed on the fact that a particular litigation claim or potential cause of action or objection to a Claim is, or is not, identified in this Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Plan Document. The Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Asbestos Trust, as applicable may seek to investigate, file and prosecute litigation claims and projected causes of action and objections to Claims after the Effective Date of the Plan, irrespective of whether this Disclosure Statement, the Plan or any Plan Document identifies any such claims, causes of action, or objections to Claims.

The Court's approval of this Disclosure Statement does not constitute the Court's approval of the merits of the Plan, an endorsement of the Plan or a guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SEC OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, NOR HAS THE SEC OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The securities described herein will be issued in reliance on the exemptions set forth in Bankruptcy Code § 1145 and without registration under the Securities Act, or any similar

federal, state or local law. The Plan Proponents recommend that potential recipients of any securities pursuant to the Plan consult their own legal counsel concerning the securities laws governing the transferability of any such securities.

This Disclosure Statement may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements consist of any statements other than a recitation of historical fact and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "project," "assume," "estimate," or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. The reader is cautioned that all forward-looking statements, including proforma and prospective financial information, are necessarily speculative, and there are risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those referred to in such forward-looking statements. The liquidation analyses, proforma and prospective financial information, and other information are estimates only, and the timing and amounts of actual distributions to Claimants may be affected by many factors that cannot be predicted. Therefore, any analyses, estimates, or recovery projections may or may not prove to be accurate, and the Plan Proponents provide no assurance that these projections or estimates will be correct.

The Debtors make the statements and provide the Financial Information contained herein as of the date hereof unless otherwise specified. Holders of Claims and/or Equity Interests reviewing this Disclosure Statement should not infer at the time of such review that the facts set forth herein have not changed since the date hereof unless so specified. Each Holder of an impaired Claim or Equity Interest that is entitled to vote should therefore carefully review all of the Plan Documents. See Article 8 of this Disclosure Statement for a discussion of various considerations and risk factors to be considered in deciding whether to accept the Plan.

This Disclosure Statement does not constitute legal, business, securities, financial or tax advice. All Entities desiring such advice or any other advice should consult with their own advisors. Further, neither this Disclosure Statement (including the Plan and all of the Exhibits in the Exhibit Book) nor any of the Plan Documents should be relied upon in making any investment decisions with respect to Grace or any other parties that may be affected by the Plan.

A vote by a Claimant or Holder of an Equity Interest - whether for or against the Plan - does not constitute a waiver or release of any claims or rights of the Debtors (or any party in interest) to object to that Claimant's Claim or Holder's Equity Interest of estate assets, regardless of whether any claims of the Debtors or their respective estates are specifically or generally identified herein.

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following is a brief summary of this Disclosure Statement, and of the Plan. This summary is just that - a summary. It is incomplete by definition and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Disclosure Statement, in the Plan, and in the other Plan Documents.

1.1 The Disclosure Statement

This Disclosure Statement describes the Debtors (in Article 2), discusses the events leading to the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases (in Article 2), describes the main events that have occurred in the Chapter 11 Cases (in Article 3) including the related international proceedings (in Section 3.3) and proposed limited substantive consolidation (in Article 5).

This Disclosure Statement goes on to summarize the Plan's contents (in Article 4), describe the Chapter 11 voting procedures (in Article 6), and the process the Court will follow in determining whether to confirm the Plan (in Articles 6, 7). This Disclosure Statement then outlines risk factors associated with the Plan (in Article 8), alternatives to the Plan (in Article 9), certain potential federal income tax consequences (in Article 10), and securities implications of the Plan (Article 11). Finally, this Disclosure Statement makes clear that the Plan Proponents recommend that Holders of Claims and Equity Interests who are eligible to vote on the Plan vote to accept the Plan (in Article 12).

1.2 The Plan

1.2.1 What Claims and Equity Interests Are Affected by the Plan?

The Plan will pay all Claimants in full and will leave most Claimants, including Holders of Asbestos Claims, unimpaired.² Holders of General Unsecured Claims (Class 9) and Holders of Equity Interests in the Parent (Class 10) are impaired under the Plan. Specifically, Holders of Class 9 Claims are impaired as they are to receive 15% of the Allowed Amount of their Claims in the form of stock, the value of which may be volatile and cannot be guaranteed.

The following table summarizes the classification and treatment of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan. The figures in the column entitled "Estimated Amount of Allowed Claims" are consistent with the Debtors' books and records and include the Debtors' estimates for certain Claims that are disputed, which Claims may ultimately be determined to be significantly higher or lower.

² Bankruptcy Code § 1124 explains the circumstances under which a plan's treatment of a class of claims or equity interests constitutes impairment of those claims or equity interests. Broadly stated, any alteration of a creditor's or equity interest holder's legal rights that occurs under a plan constitutes impairment.

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION OF CLASS | IMPAIRED | TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS | ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE RECOVERY |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| N/A | Administrative Expense Claims | N/A | Each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Claim either (i) in full, in cash, by the Reorganized Debtors, on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter, or (ii) on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder. Ordinary course of business Claims and Claims of Professionals shall be paid as described in the Plan. | \$138 million ³ | 100% |
| N/A | Priority Tax Claims | N/A | Each Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Priority Tax Claim, at the option of the Reorganized Debtors, either (i) in full, in cash, by the Reorganized Debtors, on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter, or (ii) on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder, or (iii) in equal quarterly cash payments on the Initial Distribution Date and, thereafter, on each Quarterly Tax Distribution Date in an aggregate amount equal to such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, together with interest at 3.5% per annum, over a period not exceeding six (6) years after the date of assessment of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, or upon such other terms determined by the Bankruptcy Court, which will provide the Holder of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim deferred cash payments having a value, as of the Effective Date, equal to such Allowed Priority Tax Claim; provided, however, that each Holder of a Claim which by operation of the Fresenius Settlement Agreement is an obligation for Indemnified Taxes promptly shall be paid in full in cash as such Fresenius Indemnified Taxes become due and payable. | \$232 million | 100% |
| Class 1 | Priority Claims | No | Each Holder of an Allowed Priority Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Allowed Priority Claim either (i) in full, in cash, on the later of (A) the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter or (B) the date such Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Claim, or as soon as practicable thereafter, or (ii) on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder. | \$0 | 100% |

³ Includes amounts classified as liabilities subject to compromise which are expected to be paid on the Effective Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter (approximately \$76 million), and after the Effective Date in accordance with their terms (approximately \$62 million).

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION OF CLASS | IMPAIRED | TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS | ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE RECOVERY |
|---------|--|----------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Class 2 | Secured Claims | No | Each Holder of an Allowed Secured Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its Allowed Secured Claim at the option of the Reorganized Debtors, either (i) in full, in cash, on the later of (A) the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter or (B) the date such Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Secured Claim, or as soon as practicable thereafter; (ii) on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder; (iii) by the surrender to the Holder or Holders of any Allowed Secured Claim of the property securing such Claim; or (iv) notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the Holder of a Secured Claim to demand or receive payment thereof prior to the stated maturity from and after the occurrence of a default, by reinstatement in accordance with Bankruptcy Code § 1124(2)(A)-(D). The Plan leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which each such Claim entitles the Holder of such Claim. | \$90,000 plus interest at the applicable rate, if any | 100% |
| Class 3 | Unsecured Pass-Through Employee Related Claims | No | | Most Allowed Claims have already been paid pursuant to first day orders of this Court and continue to be paid in the ordinary course as they become due; \$190 million of Claims ⁴ are estimated to be Allowed and outstanding. | 100% |
| Class 4 | Workers' Compensation Claims | No | The Plan leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which each such Claim entitles the Holder of such Claim. | Allowed Claims have already been paid pursuant to first day orders of this Court and continue to be paid in the ordinary course as they become due. | 100% |

⁴ Includes approximately \$123 million of post-retirement benefits other than pensions classified pursuant to Section 2.6.3.3, approximately \$63 million of unfunded special pension arrangements classified pursuant to Section 2.6.3.4, and approximately \$5 million of deferred compensation classified pursuant to Section 2.6.3.6.

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION OF CLASS | IMPAIRED | TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS | ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE RECOVERY |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Class 5 | Intercompany Claims | No | The Plan leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which each such Claim entitles the Holder of such Claim. | For proforma cash flow purposes all Claims will have no impact upon the Plan as all payments under the Plan are based upon the Debtors and Non-Debtor Affiliates as consolidated. | 100% |
| Class 6 | Asbestos PI-SE Claims | No | All Allowed Class 6 Claims shall be paid in full by the Asbestos Trust out of the Asbestos PI-SE Class Fund and shall be processed and paid in accordance with the Asbestos Trust Agreement and the PI-SE TDP. Each Holder of an Asbestos PI-SE Claim shall complete an Asbestos PI Questionnaire or Claims Materials, as applicable, and have the option to elect: (A) the Litigation Option or Canadian Litigation Option as applicable or (B) the Cash-Out Option; provided, however, that a Holder of a Third Party Indemnification/Contribution Claim shall be conclusively presumed to have elected the Litigation Option or Canadian Litigation Option as applicable. Failure to complete and return an Asbestos PI Questionnaire or Claims Materials, as applicable, by the applicable deadline shall result in an automatic election of the Litigation Option or Canadian Litigation Option as applicable. A Holder may also be treated on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder. | An amount to be determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Estimation Motion ⁵ | 100% |

⁵ As a condition precedent to confirmation of the Plan, the Court shall have found that the aggregate of the Asbestos PI-SE Class Fund, the Asbestos PD Class Fund, and the Asbestos Trust Expenses Fund is not greater than \$1,483,000,000.

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION OF CLASS | IMPAIRED | TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS | ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE RECOVERY |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Class 7 | Asbestos PI-AO Claims | No | <p>All Allowed Class 7 Claims shall be paid in full initially by the Asbestos Trust out of the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund and then in cash by the Asbestos Trust from funds to be paid to the Asbestos Trust by the Reorganized Debtors. All Allowed Class 7 Claims shall be processed and paid in accordance with the Asbestos Trust Agreement and the PI-AO TDP. In accordance with the terms of the Asbestos Trust Agreement and the PI-AO TDP, each Holder of an Asbestos PI-AO Claim shall complete an Asbestos PI Questionnaire or Claims Materials, as applicable, and have the option to elect: (A) the Litigation Option or Canadian Litigation Option as applicable, (B) the Cash-Out Option; or (C) the Registry Option; provided, however, that a Holder of a Third Party Indemnification/Contribution Claim shall be conclusively presumed to have elected the Litigation Option or Canadian Litigation Option as applicable. Failure to complete and return an Asbestos PI Questionnaire or Claims Materials, as applicable, by the applicable deadline shall result in an automatic election of the Litigation Option or Canadian Litigation Option as applicable. A Holder may also be treated on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder.</p> | An amount to be determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Estimation Motion ⁶ | 100% |

⁶ As a condition precedent to confirmation of the Plan, the Court shall have found that the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund is not greater than \$130,000,000.

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION OF CLASS | IMPAIRED | TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS | ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE RECOVERY |
|---------|--------------------------|----------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Class 8 | Asbestos PD Claims | No | All Allowed Class 8 Claims shall be paid in full and processed and paid in accordance with the Asbestos Trust Agreement and the PD TDP. A Holder may also be treated on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder. | An amount to be determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Estimation Motion ⁷ | 100% |
| Class 9 | General Unsecured Claims | Yes | <p>Each Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall be paid the Allowed Amount of its General Unsecured Claim on the GUC Distribution Date. Such payment shall be in full, plus post-petition interest, such payment to be 85% in cash and 15% in Parent Common Stock, such Parent Common Stock being subject to, among other things, the transactions described in Section 7.2.2 of the Plan, and the Management Stock Incentive Plan. Each Holder of a Claim which by operation of the Fresenius Settlement Agreement is an obligation for Indemnified Taxes promptly shall be paid in full in cash as such Fresenius Indemnified Taxes become due and payable. A Holder may also be treated on such less favorable terms as may be agreed to by such Holder.</p> <p>Post-petition interest shall accrue from the Petition Date through the date of payment and shall be (i) for the Holders of the Debtors' pre-petition bank credit facilities, at a rate of 6.09% per annum, compounded quarterly, (ii) for the Holders of Claims who, but for the Filing of the Chapter 11 Cases would be entitled under a contract or otherwise to accrue or be paid interest on such Claim in a non-default (or non-overdue payment) situation under applicable non-bankruptcy law, the rate provided in the contract between a Debtor(s) and the Claimant or such rate as may otherwise apply under applicable non-bankruptcy law, or (iii) for all other Holders of Class 9 Claims, at a rate of 4.19% per annum (the federal judgment rate as of the Petition Date), compounded annually.</p> | \$1.175 million as of 9/30/04, plus accrued interest through the payment date ⁸ | 100% |

⁷ As a condition precedent to confirmation of the Plan, the Court shall have found that the aggregate of the Asbestos PI-SE Class Fund, the Asbestos PD Class Fund, and the Asbestos Trust Expenses Fund is not greater than \$1,483,000,000.

⁸ Includes unliquidated liabilities, estimated at approximately \$185 million, that would be Class 9 Claims if and when Allowed. These unliquidated liabilities are not expected to be Allowed General Unsecured Claims at the Effective Date.

| CLASS | DESCRIPTION OF CLASS | IMPAIRED | TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS | ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE RECOVERY |
|----------|---|----------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Class 10 | Equity Interests in the Parent | Yes | On the Effective Date, Holders of Class 10 Equity Interests in the Parent shall retain such interests; provided that such Equity Interests shall: (i) be subject, among other things, to the transactions described in Section 7.2.2 of the Plan, and the Management Stock Incentive Plan and (ii) be restricted as described in Section 7.1.1 of the Plan. | N/A | N/A |
| Class 11 | Equity Interests in Debtors Other than the Parent | No | The Plan leaves unaltered the legal, equitable, and contractual rights to which each such Equity Interest entitles the Holder of such Equity Interest. | N/A | 100% |

1.2.2 How Will Asbestos Claims be Treated?

The Plan divides Asbestos Claims into two categories: (1) Asbestos PI Claims and (2) Asbestos PD Claims (a.k.a. Asbestos Property Damage Claims) (Class 8). The Plan further divides Asbestos PI Claims into two Classes: (a) Asbestos PI-SE Claims (a.k.a. Asbestos Personal Injury Symptomatic/Eligible Claims) (Class 6) and (b) Asbestos PI-AO Claims (a.k.a. Asbestos Personal Injury Asymptomatic/Other Claims) (Class 7). All Asbestos Claims will be channeled to the Asbestos Trust (the Asbestos Trust is described below).

A key goal of the Plan is to set up a structure under which Holders of Asbestos PI Claims are able to settle with the Asbestos Trust in a fair, efficient, and expedient manner. The Debtors believe that this will allow Asbestos PI Claimants to recover the full value of their respective Claims as quickly as possible. To this end, most Asbestos PI Claimants will be able to elect to enter into a settlement with the Asbestos Trust instead of litigating against it, as described below.

Each and every Holder of an Asbestos PI Claim will have the option to retain his right to litigate his Claim against the Asbestos Trust and to recover the full amount of his Allowed Claim against the Asbestos Trust. This is referred to in the Plan as the "Litigation Option." Holders of Asbestos PI Claims which are Canadian Claims will have the option of electing their own litigation option, the "Canadian Litigation Option." If an Asbestos PI Claimant elects, or is deemed to elect, the Litigation Option (or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable), his Claim will be litigated against the Asbestos Trust and he will be precluded from seeking any further recovery against any party protected and/or released under the Plan on account of such Claim.

Holders of Asbestos PI Claims may also generally elect to have their Claims resolved through the "Cash-Out Option" instead of the Litigation Option or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable. If an Asbestos PI Claimant elects the Cash-Out Option, his Claim will be treated under the terms of the applicable TDP (a.k.a. Trust Distribution Procedures) and he will be precluded from seeking any further recovery against any party protected and/or released under the Plan on account of such Claim. The amounts available under the Cash-Out Option vary depending on the Class of the Asbestos PI Claimant. The Cash-Out Option offered to Asbestos PI-AO Claimants who meet certain minimal requirements, as set forth in the PI-AO TDP, is a payment of \$250. In contrast, the PI-SE TDP sets forth a matrix of significant settlement amounts (ranging from \$4,459 for Asbestosis (Level I) to \$71,215 for Mesothelioma (Level VI)) that is based on the type of asbestos-related disease, level of functional impairment and level of exposure to asbestos from Grace products that an Asbestos PI-SE Claimant is able to prove.

Asbestos PI-SE Claims are those Asbestos PI Claims (other than those Asbestos Claims that have been previously settled or adjudicated) that meet the Asbestos PI-SE Eligibility Requirements. These requirements, stated very summarily, are that the Asbestos PI Claimant provide appropriate evidence of (1) exposure to asbestos related to Grace and (2) current symptoms of asbestos-related disease. As described above, the Holders of Asbestos PI-SE Claims may generally choose either the Litigation Option (or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable) or the Cash-Out Option.

Asbestos PI Claims (other than those Asbestos Claims that have been previously settled or adjudicated) that do not currently meet the Asbestos PI-SE Eligibility Requirements are Asbestos PI-AO Claims. As described above, the Holders of Asbestos PI-AO Claims may also generally choose either the Litigation Option (or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable) or the Cash-Out Option, but the Holders of Asbestos PI-AO Claims also have a third option, the "Registry Option." In no event may the Holder of an Asbestos Claim that is not a Canadian Claim elect the Canadian Litigation Option.

If an Asbestos PI-AO Claimant chooses the Registry Option, he will (1) register his name on the Registry, (2) be precluded from seeking any further recovery against any party protected and/or released under the Plan on account of such Claim, (3) have the statute of limitations be deemed to be tolled to the extent that he becomes an Asbestos PI-SE Claimant, and (4) be entitled to seek further recovery (in accordance with the provisions of the Plan) against the Asbestos Trust if he becomes an Asbestos PI-SE Claimant.

Each Holder of a Class 8 Asbestos PD Claim will retain his right to litigate his Claim against the Asbestos Trust and to recover the full amount of his Allowed Claim against the Asbestos Trust.

1.2.3 How Will General Unsecured Claims be Treated Under the Plan?

The Plan provides that all Holders of General Unsecured Claims will be paid the value of their Allowed Claims including interest at the specified rate, such payment to be 85% in cash and 15% in Parent Common Stock. However, Fresenius Indemnified Taxes will be paid in cash by the Reorganized Debtors in the ordinary course of their business, in accordance with the Fresenius Settlement Order.

Grace will satisfy certain other non-asbestos related liabilities, including environmental, tax, workers' compensation, employee-related benefits, pension and retirement medical obligations, and Intercompany Claims, as they become due and payable over time. In essence, these claims will "pass through" confirmation and be paid by the Reorganized Debtors in the ordinary course of their business.

1.2.4 How Will Equity Interests be Treated Under the Plan?

The Plan provides that Parent Common Stock will remain outstanding. However, the interests of existing stockholders will be subject to dilution by, among other things, additional shares of Parent Common Stock issued under the Plan and possible exercise of the Warrants issued under the Plan.

In addition, in order to preserve significant net operating loss carryforwards, which are subject to elimination or limitation in the event of a change in control (as defined by the Internal Revenue Code), the Plan places restrictions on the purchases of Parent Common Stock. The restrictions would prohibit, for a period of three years, a person or entity from acquiring more than 4.75% of the outstanding common stock or prohibit those persons already holding more than 4.75% from increasing their holdings.

1.2.5 How Will the Treatment of Asbestos Claims be Effectuated?

The Asbestos Trust will, among other things, (1) assume liability for all Asbestos Claims (whether now existing or arising at any time in the future), (2) process and liquidate all Asbestos Claims (whether through the Cash-Out Option, the Litigation Option (or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable), or the Registry Option, as applicable), and (3) pay all Asbestos Claims in accordance with the Plan and the Plan Documents. The Reorganized Debtors, however, will have significant ongoing rights and obligations vis-à-vis the Asbestos Trust after the Effective Date. For example, all Asbestos PI-AO Claims whose Holders elect the Litigation Option or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable, will be litigated by the Reorganized Debtors or the Canadian Affiliates in the name of the Asbestos Trust, initially at the expense of the Asbestos Trust out of the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund. After the exhaustion of the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund in its entirety, all Allowed PI-AO Claims will be paid in cash by the Asbestos Trust from funds to be paid to the Asbestos Trust by the Reorganized Debtors, such funds being in addition to the Debtors' Payment.

The Asbestos Trust will be the only Entity that a Holder of an Asbestos Claim may look to for recovery on account of such a Claim. Article 8 of the Plan (Injunctions, Releases & Discharge) makes this clear. The Asbestos Trust Agreement and the respective TDPs (there are three TDPs, one for each of Classes 6, 7, and 8) govern more specifically the operation of the Asbestos Trust and how Asbestos Claims whose Holders elect the Cash-Out Option will be dealt with.

1.2.6 How Will the Plan be Funded?

The Debtors have filed the Estimation Motion which seeks an order, among other things, estimating the total amount that needs to be contributed to the Asbestos Trust to fully satisfy Classes 6, 7, and 8 as well as the expenses of the Asbestos Trust. In the case of Classes 6 and 8 and the expenses of the Asbestos Trust, such estimated amounts will constitute the maximum amount that the Reorganized Debtors will be required to pay (in addition to the Sealed Air Payment) in order to fully satisfy all Allowed Asbestos PI-SE Claims, Allowed Asbestos PD Claims and Asbestos Trust Expenses, respectively. The Debtors intend to use these estimates in support of the feasibility of the Plan and in support of the other factual findings that must be made to confirm the Plan. The only alternative would be to individually litigate hundreds of thousands of Claims prior to confirmation - an expensive and unwieldy proposition that could delay distributions for years.

Funding of the Asbestos Trust in an amount equal to the estimates obtained under the Estimation Motion will come from several sources, including (1) the Debtors' Payment and (2) the Sealed Air Payment. The Sealed Air Payment -- comprised of a combination of cash in the amount of \$512.5 million plus interest and 9 million shares of common stock of Sealed Air -- is an integral part of the Plan.

The Reorganized Debtors will fund distributions to all other Classes directly, with funds from a number of sources including (1) the Exit Financing, (2) the Fresenius Settlement Agreement, (3) insurance proceeds, (4) cash flow from future operations, and (5) Parent Common Stock.

Specifically, all Asbestos PI-SE Claims whose Holders elect the Litigation Option (or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable) shall be (1) litigated by, and at the expense of, the Asbestos Trust in the name of the Asbestos Trust and (2) paid by the Asbestos Trust out of the Asbestos PI-SE Class Fund, which shall be funded solely by the Sealed Air Payment and the Parent Common Stock component of the Debtors' Payment, if necessary. In contrast, all Asbestos PI-AO Claims whose Holders elect the Litigation Option (or the Canadian Litigation Option, as applicable) shall be litigated by the Reorganized Debtors in the name of the Asbestos Trust, initially at the expense of the Asbestos Trust out of the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund. All Allowed PI-AO Claims shall be paid initially by the Asbestos Trust out of the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund, which shall be funded by the Sealed Air Payment (to the extent any funds remain after first funding the Asbestos PI-SE Class Fund, the Asbestos PD Class Fund and the Asbestos Trust Expenses Fund) and the Warrants. After the exhaustion of the Asbestos PI-AO Class Fund in its entirety, all Allowed PI-AO Claims shall be paid in cash by the Asbestos Trust from funds to be paid to the Asbestos Trust by the Reorganized Debtors, such funds being in addition to the Debtors' Payment.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBTORS

2.1 General Overview of the Debtors

The Debtors are engaged in specialty chemicals and materials businesses, operating on a worldwide basis, predominantly through two business segments: Davison Chemicals ("Davison"), which manufactures and sells catalysts and silica-based products; and Performance Chemicals, which manufactures and sells construction chemicals, building materials, sealants and coatings.

W. R. Grace & Co. (the "Parent") is a global holding company that conducts substantially all of its business through a direct, wholly owned subsidiary, W. R. Grace & Co. - Conn. ("Grace-Conn."). Grace-Conn., which was incorporated in 1899, owns substantially all of the Grace assets, properties, and rights in the United States. It has 77 domestic subsidiaries and Affiliates, 60 of which are Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases. Grace's non-U.S. operations are conducted through 93 Non-Debtor Affiliates, including three Canadian Affiliates. (As used within Article 2 of this Disclosure Statement, "Grace" means either the Debtors, or the business of the Parent and its subsidiaries in general, as the context requires). The Debtors and their Non-Debtor Affiliates employ approximately 6,400 employees.

Grace-Conn. has operated and divested itself of, or otherwise ceased operating, a substantial number of businesses over the years. The Plan provides for the reorganization of all Debtors. However, because many of the Debtors conduct no business today, certain of the Debtors may be dissolved after the Effective Date.

2.2 The Debtors' Current Businesses

2.2.1 Davison Chemicals

Davison consists of two primary product groups: (1) refining technologies and (2) specialty materials. These product groups principally apply silica, alumina and zeolite technology in the design and manufacture of products to meet the varying specifications of such

diverse customers as major oil refiners, plastics and chemical manufacturers, consumer products manufacturers, and pharmaceutical/nutraceutical companies.

2.2.1.1 Refining Technologies

Davison produces refinery catalysts, including (1) fluid cracking catalysts ("FCC") used by petroleum refiners to convert distilled crude oil into transportation fuels (such as gasoline and diesel fuels) and other petroleum-based products, and (2) hydroprocessing catalysts that upgrade heavy oils and remove certain impurities (such as nitrogen, sulfur and heavy metals). Davison operates its hydroprocessing catalyst business through Advanced Refining Technologies LLC, a joint venture between Grace and Chevron Texaco Products Company. Davison also develops and manufactures FCC additives used for enhanced petrochemical production and reduction of emissions of sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide from the refining unit. Davison has recently introduced new catalyst/additive technologies for sulfur reduction in gasoline and, as an alternative technology, membranes which, when employed in a pervaporation system, will remove sulfur from refinery streams.

2.2.1.2 Specialty Materials

Davison's specialty materials include various silicas, zeolite adsorbents, and polyolefin and other chemical catalysts that are used in a wide variety of industrial, consumer, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical applications.

2.2.1.2.1 Silicas

Davison manufactures (i) silica gels, (ii) colloidal silicas, and (iii) precipitated silicas. These silicas have different physical properties, such as particle size, surface area, porosity, and surface chemistry, which give each type of silica unique characteristics that make it appropriate for specific applications.

Silica gels are used in coatings as matting (gloss-reducing) agents, in plastics to improve handling, in pharmaceuticals as a formulating agent, in toothpastes as abrasives and whiteners, in foods to carry flavors and prevent caking, in the purification of edible oils, and in beer stabilization.

Davison's colloidal silicas are used primarily as binders in precision investment casting and refractory applications. They have also recently been introduced for use in ink jet printing of digital media, such as digital photographs. Precipitated silicas are used predominantly in the manufacture of tires and other industrial rubber goods such as belts, hoses and footwear. Davison is leveraging its materials science expertise, both internally and through acquisitions, to develop and introduce new silica materials and technologies, particularly for the higher-growth segments of digital media, industrial coatings, and biotechnology separations applications.

Davison is leveraging its material science expertise, both internally and through acquisitions, to develop and introduce new silica materials and technologies, particularly for the higher growth segments of digital media, industrial coatings, and biotechnology separations applications. Davison has recently focused on expanding its separations business to take

advantage of higher growth opportunities in drug discovery, purification and manufacturing processes.

2.2.1.2.2 Zeolites

Zeolites, while not silica-based products, are based on related silica/alumina technology. Zeolite adsorbents are used between the two panes of insulating glass to adsorb moisture and are also used in process applications to adsorb water and separate certain chemical components from mixtures.

2.2.1.3 Polyolefin and Other Catalysts

Davison is also a major producer of polyolefin catalysts and silica-based catalyst supports, essential components in the manufacture of high density and linear low density polyethylene resins, and polypropylene resins, which are used in products such as plastic film, high-performance plastic pipe and plastic household containers.

2.2.1.4 Other Information

As of September 30, 2004, Davison employed approximately 3,200 people worldwide in 20 facilities. Davison has a direct sales force and distributes most of its products directly to approximately 12,000 customers, the largest of which accounted for approximately 4% of Davison's 2003 sales.

2.2.2 Performance Chemicals

Performance Chemicals' businesses include (1) specialty construction chemicals and building materials, in which Grace is a leading supplier to the nonresidential (commercial and infrastructure) construction industry, and also to the residential construction and repair segment; and (2) a sealant and coating product-line operated under the Darex[®] brand.

2.2.2.1 Construction Chemicals and Building Materials

Specialty construction chemicals (principally concrete admixtures, cement additives and additives for masonry products) improve durability and enhance the handling and application of concrete, improve the manufacturing efficiency and performance of cement, and improve the water resistance and other qualities of masonry wall and paving systems.

Performance Chemicals has introduced a number of new construction chemical products and product enhancements in recent years. These include: (1) an additive that improves cement processing efficiency and product quality, (2) new polymeric fiber reinforcements for concrete that can substitute for secondary metal reinforcements, (3) an automated system to improve the reliability and accuracy of adding fibers to concrete production, (4) an admixture system for producing self-consolidating concrete (which improves the concrete's conformity to the shape of a structure), and (5) a liquid pigment admixture and dispensing system for concrete. Grace continually seeks to improve and adapt these products for different applications. Grace's strategy includes extending its product portfolio and geographic reach through acquisitions.

Specialty building materials prevent structural water damage (for example, water-and ice-barrier products for residential use and waterproofing systems for commercial structures), and protect structural steel against collapse caused by fire. In North America, the specialty building materials product line also manufactures and distributes vermiculite products used in insulation and other applications. Recent product developments include liquid-applied waterproofing products and new roof underlayments that provide protection from ice and wind-driven rain; and enhancements to spray-on fireproofing products that improve applicator productivity.

2.2.2.2 Sealants and Coatings

The Darex[®] sealants and coatings business consists primarily of four product lines: (1) can sealants for rigid containers, (2) sealants for metal and plastic bottle closures, (3) coatings for metal packaging, and (4) specialty barrier coatings for flexible packaging. These products are used to assure the quality of packaging and to preserve container contents. Can sealants ensure a hermetic seal between the lid and the body of beverage, food, aerosol and other containers. Closure sealants are used to seal pry-off and twist-off metal crowns, as well as roll-on pilfer-proof and plastic closures for glass and plastic bottles and jars used in beverage and food applications. Coatings are used in the manufacture of cans and closures to protect the metal against corrosion, protect the contents against the influences of metal, ensure proper adhesion of sealing compounds to metal surfaces, and provide base coats for inks and for decorative purposes. These products are sold principally to container manufacturers. Specialty barrier coatings are used to improve the gas and/or vapor barrier performance of various packaging materials. They are sold principally to manufacturers of oriented polypropylene films for food packaging.

2.2.2.3 Other Information

At year-end 2003, Performance Chemicals employed approximately 3,000 people at 62 facilities. Most of Performance Chemicals' sales are direct sales to the customer. Performance Chemicals' capital expenditures tend to be relatively lower, and sales and marketing expenditures tend to be relatively higher, than those of Davison Chemicals.

2.3 Genesis of the Debtors' Asbestos Liabilities

The Chapter 11 Cases were the result of a precipitous increase, beginning around 2000, in the number of claims asserted against Grace alleging personal injury from exposure to asbestos in certain products that it had previously manufactured. This increase seriously threatened the Debtors' core business operations, and the Debtors concluded that there was no way to define and resolve their asbestos liabilities while preserving the value and viability of their core business operations, other than to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Grace's involvement with asbestos began in 1963, when its construction products unit, now part of Performance Chemicals, purchased the Zonolite Company ("Zonolite"). Zonolite purchased asbestos from commercial suppliers and incorporated it in certain building products. It also mined and processed vermiculite from its mines in South Carolina and near Libby, Montana. The vermiculite product from the Libby mine contained small amounts of asbestos, as more fully described below. Grace ended U.S. manufacture of asbestos-added products in 1973, and closed the Libby facility in 1990.

2.3.1 Asbestos-Added Products

The principal asbestos-added products produced by Grace were spray-on fireproofing, acoustical plasters and textured ceiling finishes. They consisted of binders, insulating materials (gypsum, cement, clay, vermiculite), and added asbestos purchased from asbestos producers. The fireproofing product, Monokote-3 ("MK-3"), was sprayed on steel structural-components of buildings to prevent or delay the steel from collapsing in the event of a fire.

2.3.2 Libby Vermiculite

Vermiculite is a mineral that expands into popcorn-like, low-density pieces when heated. This exfoliated or expanded vermiculite is lightweight and fire-resistant, and thus can be used for insulation, fireproofing, potting soil and other applications. Vermiculite is itself an inert mineral that is not a form of asbestos and has no known toxic properties.

Vermiculite ore from the Libby mine contained numerous secondary minerals, including a form of asbestos known as fibrous asbestiform tremolite.⁹ The Libby facility milled the mined ore into a concentrate through a crushing, screening, washing and flotation separation process that removed most impurities, including tremolite. After milling, the vermiculite concentrate contained 1-3% and generally less than 1% asbestos. At Grace's "expansion plants" throughout the country, the concentrate was passed through furnaces at temperatures approaching 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which resulted in the further reduction of asbestos content. The expanded vermiculite – with asbestos content that was typically a fraction of 1% – was bagged and sold under the Zonolite trade name.

After acquiring the Libby mine, Grace implemented a series of changes that dramatically reduced asbestiform tremolite dust levels at the Libby facilities. With these improvements, Grace lowered asbestiform tremolite dust levels from approximately 50 fibers per cubic centimeter of air ("fibers/cc") in 1963, to less than 1 fiber/cc in 1975 and down to 1/15 fiber/cc in 1985, which was many times lower than required under then-applicable government standards. Grace also implemented a medical program to educate employees about the hazards of asbestiform tremolite and to monitor their exposure levels and health.

2.3.3 Zonolite Attic Insulation

One of Grace's principal commercial vermiculite products was Zonolite Attic Insulation ("ZAI"). ZAI was expanded loose-fill vermiculite that was poured into attics in homes and other buildings. Like other expanded Libby vermiculite, ZAI often contained trace quantities of asbestos. Asbestos was not added to ZAI, and, as noted above, the milling and expansion processes removed nearly all asbestos contaminants from the vermiculite ore. Because the asbestos impurities were reduced to trace levels, ZAI is not an asbestos-containing product as

⁹ Fibrous asbestiform tremolite impurities in vermiculite are atypical and not characteristic of most vermiculite deposits. It is believed that the amount of impurities is related to the extreme depth of the ore deposit in Libby. Most vermiculite deposits – such as those at Grace's Enoree, South Carolina mine – are relatively shallow.

defined in federal regulations.¹⁰ Although the Asbestos PD Committee asserts that ZAI has been found to contain more than 1% asbestos, the Debtors contend that such samples are exceedingly rare and have no significance on the question of whether ZAI poses an unreasonable risk of harm.

2.4 The Debtors' Asbestos-Related Litigation

The pre-Chapter 11 litigation and Claims against the Debtors alleging asbestos-related injuries and damages ("Asbestos Claims," as defined more fully in the Glossary) are primarily the following: Claims for personal injury from asbestos exposure; asbestos-related property damage Claims; and ZAI Claims.

For many years, the Debtors faced a substantial volume of Asbestos Claims, but were able to resolve such Claims primarily through negotiated settlements. Although the Debtors believed that a high percentage of these Claims were without merit, they agreed to settle most of these Claims rather than incur the significant costs and practical difficulties associated with simultaneously litigating thousands of independent Claims in multiple jurisdictions nationwide. This strategy of negotiated settlements was initially successful, as the amounts and number of Claims were manageable, and the funds required to satisfy such Claims were fairly predictable. However, beginning in the year 2000, the Debtors experienced a precipitous increase in the number of personal injury Claims and the amount of money required to resolve such Claims. This led to the Debtors' bankruptcy filing.

2.4.1 Asbestos Personal Injury Litigation

Asbestos PI Claims allege adverse health effects from exposure to Grace's asbestos-containing products. On the Petition Date, the Debtors were defendants in lawsuits asserting approximately 118,000 Asbestos PI Claims. In the Debtors' view, only a small portion of the Asbestos PI Claims allege even a *prima facie* case of any functional impairment attributable to exposure to the Debtors' products. The Debtors, therefore, intend to vigorously contest all or most of the Asbestos PI Claims through a number of defenses, as outlined in more detail in their Case Management Motion (which was filed simultaneously with the Plan and Disclosure Statement). Although the Asbestos PI Committee has asserted that the value of the current asbestos personal injury claims, alone, exceed the Debtors' consolidated enterprise value, the Debtors believe that the Asbestos Trust Assets, when administered in a manner consistent with the TDPs, will be sufficient to satisfy all legitimate Asbestos PI Claims.

2.4.2 Asbestos Property Damage Litigation

Asbestos PD Claims generally purport to seek payment for the cost of removing or containing asbestos in buildings. On the Petition Date, there were eight asbestos property damage lawsuits (not including the ZAI lawsuits described immediately below) pending against

¹⁰ Under federal regulations, "materials" containing less than 1% asbestos by weight are not defined as asbestos-containing "materials." See, e.g., 40 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 61.141 and 763.83.

the Debtors.¹¹ However, approximately 4,300 Asbestos PD Claims were submitted prior to the March 2003 Bar Date. The Debtors have examined these Claims, and intend to object to all or almost all of them on a number of different grounds. Such grounds may include: insufficient or lack of supporting documentation; lack of product identification; statute of limitations, statute of repose, and laches; lack of negligence; inapplicability of strict liability; lack of causation; and improper calculation of damages. Under the Plan, those Asbestos PD Claims not disallowed through the objection process will be channeled to the Asbestos Trust, the assets of which the Debtors believe will be sufficient to satisfy all legitimate Asbestos PD Claims.

2.4.3 Litigation Related to Zonolite Attic Insulation

ZAI claims are part of the Asbestos PD Claims. In 2000 and 2001, prior to the Petition Date, nine lawsuits (one of which has since been dismissed) styled as class actions were filed in various jurisdictions on behalf of owners of homes containing ZAI, seeking damages and other relief, including removal of the attic insulation, because of its alleged asbestos content. Some of the lawsuits were filed on behalf of residents of particular states while others purport to be nationwide in scope. As of the Petition Date, many of the lawsuits had not proceeded beyond the initial pleadings. Four of the federal class actions were consolidated for pretrial purposes in a multi-district litigation proceeding; a motion for class certification was pending in this proceeding as of the Petition Date. A statewide class was certified in a Washington state case. None of the cases reached a decision on the merits, although the Washington state court denied a motion seeking a preliminary injunction that would have required the Debtors to warn all state residents of the alleged hazards of ZAI. In October 2004, two additional class action lawsuits were filed in Canada. The plaintiffs allege that ZAI is in millions of homes and that removal would cost several thousand dollars per home.

In April 2002, the Debtors filed ten proofs of Claim on behalf of individual Claimants for Claims relating to ZAI and subsequently filed objections thereto to establish a forum for determining whether ZAI creates an unreasonable risk of harm (the "ZAI Science Trial"). The ZAI Claims and objections, and subsequent responses and summary judgment motions, form the basis for the ZAI Science Trial. The ZAI Science Trial issues are fully briefed and ready to proceed. The Bankruptcy Court held a hearing on the ZAI Science Trial motions on October 18, 2004 and has taken the motions under advisement. The Court has indicated it may need to have further proceedings with respect to the matters addressed in the motions.

¹¹ Plaintiffs in these eight lawsuits are seeking damages allegedly arising from the presence of Grace's asbestos-containing acoustical plaster as well as Monokote-3 fireproofing in their buildings. Debtors are aware of approximately 300 buildings involved. Two cases are currently on appeal (Solow -- judgment against Grace of approximately \$11.6 million -- and Ohio Hospital -- summary judgment granted for Grace); one case has been stayed since 1990 (Jefferson Parish); Grace was dismissed at the trial level in another case (District of Columbia -- not a final order); and a proof of Claim has been filed in Pacific Freeholds. Three cases are pending: Anderson Memorial (motion to certify the class granted as to the other defendants but stayed with respect to Grace as motion was pending as of the Petition Date), Orange County (putative class action served), and Prudential; proofs of Claim have also been filed in each of these three cases.

2.4.4 Asbestos Medical Monitoring Claims

Approximately 1,000 proofs of Claim for asbestos medical monitoring based on alleged asbestos exposure were filed against the Debtors prior to the March 2003 Bar Date. However, a substantial number of those Claims were for actual personal injury. Under the Plan, Asbestos Medical Monitoring Claims are included within the Class of Asbestos PI-AO Claims (Class 7).

2.5 The Debtors' Other Litigation

The Debtors are also parties to a number of pre-petition legal proceedings that do not involve Claims for personal injury arising out of exposure to asbestos, or property damage arising out of the installation of asbestos-containing products in buildings. Except as otherwise indicated, Claims with respect to such litigation will be treated as Class 9 General Unsecured Claims. Based on the amount that the Debtors reasonably believe to be involved, the following are the significant legal proceedings to which the Debtors are subject.

2.5.1 Environmental Proceedings and Environmental Insurance Litigation

The Debtors' estimate, at September 30, 2004, of their total liability for vermiculite-related remediation is approximately \$205.3 million. This estimate is based on public comments regarding the spending plans of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), discussions of spending forecasts with EPA representatives, and analysis of other information made available from the EPA. However, the EPA's cost estimates have increased substantially over the course of its cleanup. Consequently, the Debtors' estimate may change materially as more information becomes available. Any such additional information could have a material effect on the Debtors' liability for these matters.

2.5.1.1 Libby and Vermiculite-Related Remediation

2.5.1.1.1 Libby, Montana

In March 2001, the EPA filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana seeking recovery of costs allegedly incurred in response to the release or threatened release of asbestos in the Libby area relating to former vermiculite mining activities. In August 2003, the Montana court issued a ruling in favor of the United States that requires Grace to reimburse the EPA for \$54.5 million (plus interest) in costs expended through December 2001, and for all appropriate future costs to complete the cleanup. Grace has appealed the Montana court's ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

2.5.1.1.2 Libby Property Owners

A class-action lawsuit was filed against Grace in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana in February 2000 on behalf of all owners of improved private real property situated within 12 miles of Libby. The complaint alleges that the class members have suffered harm in the form of environmental contamination and loss of property rights resulting from Grace's former vermiculite mining and processing operations, and seeks remediation, property damages and punitive damages. This case has been stayed as a result of the Chapter 11 Cases. However, as described above, the EPA has been conducting remediation activities in and around Libby that includes the remediation of private real property. While investigation of the Claims has not been

completed, Grace has no reason to believe that it will incur material liability in addition to the amount of the EPA's recoverable costs for cleanup activities around Libby.

2.5.1.1.3 State of Montana's Claims Against the Debtors

After the Petition Date, certain of the residents of Libby, Montana filed an action captioned *Orr v. State of Mont.*, suing the state of Montana alleging that the state negligently failed to warn them of the hazardous conditions at the mine, as a result of which they suffered grave injuries. The district court dismissed the lawsuit but, on December 14, 2004, the Montana Supreme Court reversed the district court ruling and held that once the state was aware of the dangerously high asbestos levels in the Libby mine, it was required by law to protect the miners by warning them of the known hazards of working in the mine. The state of Montana has filed a proof of Claim in an unliquidated amount seeking indemnification from the Debtors for this lawsuit. To the extent that the Claim is Allowed, it will be treated as a General Unsecured Claim. However, Grace maintains that it has no indemnification obligation as the lawsuit relates to the state's own duty to warn.

The state of Montana has also filed two proofs of claim against the Debtors in the approximate amount of \$15.6 million for the cost of future and past Medicaid reimbursement. The state alleges that the Debtors are responsible for such reimbursement. To the extent that the Claim is Allowed, it will be treated as a General Unsecured Claim. However, Grace maintains that it has no such reimbursement obligation.

The State of Montana has filed an objection stating that, in the event the State of Montana is classified as a General Unsecured Claimant, it cannot receive stock as a form of payment on an indebtedness. The Debtors and the State of Montana are working to resolve this issue before Plan confirmation.

2.5.1.1.4 Former Grace Plant in Minneapolis, Minnesota

A class action lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota in October 2000, alleging loss of property values in the vicinity of a former Grace plant in Minneapolis that expanded vermiculite from the Libby mine. This case has been stayed as a result of the Chapter 11 Cases. In addition, the EPA is engaged in a program of removing suspected vermiculite expansion by-products from the yards and driveways of houses near the former Minneapolis plant. As of September 30, 2004, the EPA had spent approximately \$3.4 million on these residential cleanup actions. The EPA also has remediated industrial property in the area, including the former vermiculite processing plant, at a cost of approximately \$650,000. The EPA has submitted proofs of Claim for \$10.9 million for the past and projected future costs (including indirect costs) of remediation of the residential and industrial properties at or around the former expansion plant site.

2.5.1.1.5 Other Current and Former Vermiculite Expansion Plants

The EPA also has compiled for investigation a list of 245 facilities that at one time used, stored, or processed vermiculite that originated from the Libby mine. Included in this list are 50 vermiculite expansion plants currently or formerly operated by Grace, of which the EPA has

listed 17 as requiring additional action. Corrective actions or investigations have been conducted at 6 of these sites.

The EPA has submitted proofs of Claim for 10 of such 50 sites, and for 3 other sites never owned or operated by Grace. The amount claimed with respect to these 13 sites is \$26 million. In addition, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ("ATSDR") has commenced a separate investigation at 28 of the 245 facilities, 22 of which are currently or were formerly operated by Grace.

2.5.1.2 Proceedings in Which Grace is a Potentially Responsible Party

The EPA has designated Grace (together, in most cases, with many other companies) as a "potentially responsible party" ("PRP") for paying the costs of investigating and remediating pollution at various sites under the jurisdiction of federal, state and/or local authorities. At December 31, 2003, proceedings were pending with respect to approximately 30 such sites nationally. Applicable law provides that all PRPs for a site may be held jointly and severally liable for the costs of investigating and remediating the site – that is, any one or more of the PRPs may be required to pay for all the costs. During the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors have not been participating (except in a limited number of special cases) in the joint funding of investigation and remediation at non-owned sites where any of them is a PRP. Grace's expected liability, estimated at September 30, 2004, for environmental remediation at such PRP sites and other sites (excluding liability related to Grace's former vermiculite mining and processing activities as described above) is estimated at \$141.0 million. Some of these Claims may be resolved by the proposed Consent Decree described immediately below.

2.5.1.3 The Settling Federal Agencies' Consent Decree

The Debtors and the EPA, the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of the Interior, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (collectively, the "Settling Federal Agencies") currently are negotiating the terms of a Consent Decree (the "Consent Decree") to settle the various claims that the Settling Federal Agencies have asserted against the Debtors with respect to certain costs incurred or to be incurred by the Settling Federal Agencies in the course of responding to releases and threats of releases of hazardous substances into the environment for certain sites, including the Libby site. The sites that are currently contemplated are the following 26 sites:

1. Aqua Tech Site in Greer, South Carolina
2. Blackburn and Union Privileges Site in Walpole, Massachusetts
3. Casmalia Resources Site in Santa Barbara, California
4. Central Chemical Site in Hagerstown, Maryland
5. Elwood City Zonolite Site in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
6. Galaxy/Spectron Site in Elkton, Maryland
7. Green River Site in Maceo, Kentucky
8. Harrington Tools Site in Glendale, California
9. Intermountain Insulation Site in Salt Lake City, Utah
10. Li Tungsten Site in Glen Cove, New York
11. Malone Services Co. Site in Texas County, Texas
12. N-Forcer Site in Dearborn, Michigan

13. Operating Industries Site in Monterey Park, California
14. Prince George's County Zonolite Site in Beltsville, Maryland
15. R&H Oil/Tropicana Site in San Antonio, Texas
16. RAMP Industries Site in Denver, Colorado
17. Reclamation Oil Site in Detroit, Michigan
18. Robinson Insulation Site in Minot, North Dakota
19. Solvents Recovery Service of New England Site in Southington, Connecticut
20. Vermiculite Intermountain Site in Salt Lake City, Utah
21. Vermiculite Northwest Site in Spokane, Washington
22. Watson Johnson Landfill Site in Richland Township, Pennsylvania
23. Western Minerals Processing Site in Denver, Colorado
24. Western Minerals Products Site in Minneapolis, Minnesota
25. Zonolite/Grace Site in Hamilton Township, New Jersey
26. Zonolite/Grace Site in Wilder, Kentucky

In addition, the Consent Decree addresses treatment of rights and claims regarding access to the Libby, Montana Site, treatment of the claim regarding the ATSDR nationwide investigation of the Libby Site material, and treatment of claims and expenses regarding the following Debtor-owned sites:

1. Acton Plant Site in Acton, Massachusetts
2. Cambridge Plant in Cambridge, Massachusetts
3. Curtis Bay Site in Curtis Bay, Maryland
4. Kootenai Bluffs and Kootenai Flyway Properties in Libby, Montana
5. Wells G&H Site in Woburn, Massachusetts
6. Zonolite/Grace Site in New Castle, Pennsylvania

The Consent Decree will provide for: (1) the allowance of certain General Unsecured Claims with respect to certain sites, (2) treatment of Claims regarding the ATSDR's nationwide investigation of former vermiculite expansion sites, (3) treatment of Claims regarding certain other Debtor-owned sites, and (4) the treatment, as Administrative Expense Claims, of certain Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act response costs incurred post-petition at certain Debtor-owned sites. The Consent Decree will also resolve the claims of certain PRP groups and establish a protocol for addressing the liability and obligations of the Debtors to the Settling Federal Agencies with respect to additional non-owned sites not currently addressed in the Consent Decree.

The Debtors and the Settling Federal Agencies currently are conducting investigation in order to reach agreement about the allowed amount of the Claims on many of the sites that will be included in the Consent Decree. It is not known at this time when the Consent Decree will be finalized, what properties it will cover, and at what Allowed Amount. The EPA has filed numerous Claims against the Debtors as outlined above. While the Debtors believe the Consent Decree will ultimately be finalized, in the event that it is not, the EPA Claims will be addressed through the traditional Claims objection process. As outlined herein, the Debtors' estimates and projections are not based on entry of the Consent Decree but many of the Allowed amounts provided for in the Consent Decree are consistent with the Debtors' estimates and projections which are based on public comments regarding the spending plans of the EPA, discussions of

spending forecasts with EPA representatives, analysis of other information made available from the EPA, previous consent decrees and agreements, actual outstanding invoices, and historical costs.

2.5.1.4 Other Significant Environmental Legal Proceedings and Claims

Grace is a party to other legal proceedings and Claims involving federal, state and/or local government agencies and private parties regarding Grace's responsibility for alleged noncompliance with environmental laws and regulations. In addition, Grace may incur material liability in connection with future actions of governmental agencies or private parties relating to Grace's past or future practices with respect to the generation, storage, handling, discharge, disposition or stewardship of hazardous wastes and other materials. The two such proceedings that are significant are discussed immediately below.

2.5.1.4.1 Cape Cod Pipeline Remediation

Grace is involved in disputes over the remediation of an abandoned jet fuel pipeline on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. In 1993, Grace Energy Corporation ("Grace Energy"), a Debtor, sold certain of its subsidiaries, one of which then owned the Cape Cod pipeline, to Kaneb Pipe Line Operating Partnership L.P. ("Kaneb"). In 1995 and 1997, respectively, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Department of Justice made cleanup demands related to alleged pipeline leaks, and the EPA is engaged in extensive cleanup of the pipeline site. Federal officials have estimated that the remediation may cost as much as \$100 million.

In 1997, Grace Energy brought an action in Texas state court against Kaneb to: (a) determine the ownership of, and responsibility for, the pipeline, and (b) seek indemnification for cleanup costs. The Texas state court held that the pipeline had been transferred to the defendants and that Grace Energy does not owe indemnity to Kaneb for the pipeline cleanup costs. The Texas state court awarded Grace Energy approximately \$1.8 million in attorneys' fees, but also found that Grace Energy was not entitled to indemnification. Both sides appealed shortly before the action was stayed by the Chapter 11 Cases and the modified preliminary injunction that was subsequently entered by the Bankruptcy Court.

In addition, on the basis of indemnification agreements entered into by Grace, Samson Hydrocarbons, a buyer of one of the Debtors' former businesses, has filed proofs of Claim for indemnification of past and future remediation expenses related to the pipeline and six other remediation sites. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has also filed proofs of Claim against Grace for obligations to continue to perform assessment, containment and removal activities at the Cape Cod pipeline site. Grace may incur material liability in connection with the Cape Cod pipeline remediation controversy.

2.5.1.4.2 Jersey City Chromium Contamination Remediation

Beginning in 1995, citizens groups brought suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey against Honeywell International Inc. ("Honeywell"), Grace, and another Debtor for injunctive relief requiring the remediation of chromium contamination of certain property in

Jersey City, New Jersey. Grace asserted cross-claims against Honeywell to recover all past and future costs and damages, and for injunctive relief requiring Honeywell to remediate the site. In May 2003, the New Jersey district court found in favor of the plaintiff and Grace.

Honeywell appealed the judgment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The parties entered into a settlement agreement which was approved by the Bankruptcy Court on October 13, 2004. The parties have already performed their obligations under the settlement agreement, which agreement provides for settlement of the litigation, transfer of the Jersey City property to Honeywell, and payment to the Debtors of \$62.5 million. The Debtors expect to realize net cash proceeds of \$52 million after legal expenses and transfer taxes.

2.5.1.5 Plan Treatment of Environmental Claims

The Plan provides for varying treatment of Allowed environmental Claims. With respect to environmental Claims that constitute Allowed Administrative Expense Claims (primarily post-petition remediation costs of Debtor-owned properties), the Claimants will be paid in cash in full on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter or upon such other terms as may be agreed upon by the Holders of such Claims; provided, however, that such Allowed Administrative Expense Claims not yet due on the Effective Date will be paid as they become due.

The Plan provides that Allowed environmental Claims that constitute Allowed Class 9 General Unsecured Claims (primarily pre-petition remediation costs for both owned and non-owned properties and post-petition remediation costs for pre-petition contamination on non-owned properties), will be paid in the same manner as all other General Unsecured Claims.

2.5.1.6 Environmental Insurance Litigation

Grace is a party to three pending environmental insurance coverage actions with insurance companies, all of which have been stayed as a result of the Chapter 11 Cases. Two of the three pending environmental insurance coverage actions have been settled between Grace and Continental Casualty Company, the only insurance carrier involved in those actions but await Bankruptcy Court approval. The two settled actions are captioned *Maryland Casualty Co. v. W. R. Grace & Co.*, 88 CIV 4337, filed in 1988, and *Continental Casualty Company v. W. R. Grace & Co. and W. R. Grace & Co. Conn.*, 00 CIV 4524, filed in 2000. The *Maryland Casualty* action involved approximately 200 claims arising from environmental contamination of sites owned or once owned by Grace and off-site, un-owned disposal sites. The *Continental Casualty* action involved approximately 45 claims of the same nature, including Grace's claims for coverage regarding certain claims involving former vermiculate mining operations in Libby, Montana. The confidential settlement agreement between Grace and Continental Casualty Company, which will result in the dismissal of the *Maryland Casualty* and *Continental Casualty* actions, was finalized in December 2004 and will be submitted for the Bankruptcy Court's approval. The third pending environmental insurance coverage action is captioned *Unigard Security Ins. Co. v. W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. and W. R. Grace & Co.*, 97 CIV 8941, and was filed in 1997. In this suit, Unigard seeks a declaration of no liability regarding potential bodily injury claims against Grace arising from environmental contamination at four sites formerly owned by Grace. The Unigard action is stayed as a result of the bankruptcy. The Unigard policy at issue is a first-layer excess policy that was in effect from June 30, 1974 to June 30, 1975, with

limits of \$10,000,000. No personal injury claims have been identified regarding the four sites identified by Unigard. Additionally, in June 2003, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, while interpreting coverage under the Continental Casualty Policy underlying the Unigard policy, held that Section 46 of the New York Insurance Law, which was in effect from 1971 to 1982, prohibits coverage for claims arising from gradual pollution.

2.5.2 Fraudulent Transfer Litigation

In September 2000, Grace was named in a class action suit that was filed in California state court. The suit alleged that Grace's (1) 1996 reorganization transaction with Fresenius and (2) 1998 reorganization transaction with Sealed Air involved fraudulent transfers. Two similar class actions were also filed prior to the Petition Date.

On June 14, 2001, the PD Committee and the PI Committee filed their Joint Motion for Authority to Prosecute Fraudulent Transfer Claims (Docket No. 527), seeking authority to prosecute certain fraudulent transfer and successor liability claims against Sealed Air and Fresenius. Thereafter, the District Court directed the PD Committee and the PI Committee to investigate and ultimately prosecute the claims. On March 18, 2002 the PD Committee and the PI Committee filed the Fraudulent Conveyance Adversary Proceedings on behalf of the Debtors' estate.

In November 2002, Fresenius and Sealed Air announced that they had reached agreements in principle to settle the Fraudulent Conveyance Adversary Proceedings.

In July 2003, the Fresenius Settlement Agreement was approved by the District Court. Subject to certain conditions, Fresenius will pay \$115.0 million to the Debtors' estates as directed by the District Court upon confirmation of the Plan.

Under the terms of the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement and subject to certain conditions, Cryovac, Inc. will transfer \$512.5 million in cash (plus interest thereon from December 21, 2002 until the Effective Date compounded annually) and 9 million shares of Sealed Air Common Stock to the Asbestos Trust. This payment constitutes the initial and primary funding under the Plan for the Asbestos Trust. This payment is critically important in order to achieve confirmation of the Plan.

On November 26, 2003, Sealed Air, the PI Committee and the PD Committee filed a motion seeking approval of the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Motion"). Due to a stay imposed in connection with the proceedings to have Judge Wolin removed from the Debtors' cases, among other cases, no objection deadline or hearing date has ever been set on the Settlement Motion and it remains pending with the District Court. On November 24, 2004, the Debtors filed a Motion with District Judge Buckwalter seeking referral of the Settlement Motion to the Bankruptcy Court (the "Referral Motion") (Docket No. 7036). The Referral Motion is scheduled to be heard before the District Court on January 18, 2005. Sealed Air has indicated it does not object to the Referral Motion (Obj. of Sealed Air, at p.3, n.1).

The Debtors are not parties to the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement. The Debtors, Sealed Air, the PI Committee and the PD Committee negotiated for some six months to reach an agreement on an acceptable settlement structure. The great majority of the significant issues

were resolved. However, there were certain issues, set forth below, that resulted in the Debtors not becoming a party to the Settlement Agreement.

The Plan and Disclosure Statement are intended to be and the Debtors believe are in fact, consistent with the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement. In an effort to accelerate the process of obtaining confirmation of the Plan, the Debtors do not plan to object to, and are prepared to go forward with, the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement. The Debtors have clarified this position in this Disclosure Statement and the Plan. The Unsecured Creditors' Committee reserves its right to file an objection or other appropriate pleading with respect to the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement.

However, the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement raises the following issues that the Debtors believe they are required to disclose as part of the Plan confirmation process:

- The Sealed Air Settlement Agreement would impose on the Debtors a requirement to take positions on their financial statements and tax returns that would not be inconsistent with Sealed Air achieving favorable tax treatment for the Sealed Air Payment. While the Debtors generally believe that they can comply with such requirements, the Debtors and their executives are concerned that a conflict could arise between the Debtors' obligations under the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement and their fiduciary duties and legal obligations to governmental authorities, including those imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- The IRS may assert that the Sealed Air Payment gives rise to taxable income to the Debtors without any offsetting deduction. Grace firmly believes that this characterization would be incorrect under current law. Nonetheless, if the IRS were to successfully raise this issue, the dollar cost would be substantial and would materially adversely affect the Reorganized Debtors. Under the terms of the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement, Grace's rights to defend itself in a tax audit from this IRS assertion may be constrained.
- The Sealed Air Settlement Agreement requires the Debtors, in a number of circumstances, to use their "best efforts" to take certain actions or refrain from taking certain actions in support of Sealed Air's tax position. The Debtors are concerned that "best efforts" is not adequately defined and could lead to disputes between the parties.
- The Debtors are concerned that, in a case where Grace derives tax benefits from the Sealed Air Payment, which Grace would be required to share with Sealed Air under the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement, Grace may be required to pay Sealed Air for tax benefits prior to their actual realization. Sealed Air has indicated that Grace does not have to make payment for a tax benefit unless the Debtors have received an actual reduction in the amount of taxes currently payable by them as a result of the tax benefit. If this is Sealed Air's position, Grace is in agreement. However, this result is not stated clearly in the Sealed Air Settlement Agreement.

2.5.3 Tax Claims

2.5.3.1 IRS Proposed 1993-96 Tax Adjustments

The IRS has asserted approximately \$114.0 million of proposed tax adjustments against Grace, including accrued interest, for tax periods 1993 through 1996. Grace's federal tax returns for 1997 and subsequent periods are either under examination by the IRS or open for future examination. As a consequence of any finally determined federal tax adjustments, Grace may be liable for additional state taxes plus accrued interest. To the extent these IRS and state tax adjustments are sustained, and they result in Fresenius Indemnified Taxes, such Fresenius Indemnified Taxes are obligations that the Debtors are obligated under the Fresenius Settlement Agreement promptly to pay in full in cash when due and payable.

The most significant contested issue for the 1993-1996 tax periods concerns corporate-owned life insurance ("COLI") policies. In 1988 and 1990, Grace acquired COLI policies as part of a strategy to fund the cost of postretirement health care benefits and other long-term liabilities. COLI premiums were funded in part by loans issued against the cash surrender value of the COLI policies. The IRS is challenging deductions of interest on loans secured by COLI policies for years prior to 1999. In 2000, Grace paid \$21.2 million of tax and interest related to this issue for tax years 1990 through 1992. Subsequently, Grace deducted approximately \$163.2 million in interest attributable to COLI policy loans.

Grace has agreed with the Department of Justice and the IRS on a settlement amount and certain other terms pertaining to this matter (the "COLI Settlement"). The Bankruptcy Court entered an order authorizing the Debtors to enter into the COLI Settlement (the "COLI Order") on October 13, 2004. Pursuant to the COLI Settlement, the federal government would allow Grace to claim approximately (1) \$42.2 million, or 20%, of the approximately \$211.2 million in COLI interest deductions claimed from 1989 through 1996, and (2) \$8.2 million, or 20%, of the approximately \$41.1 million in COLI interest deductions claimed in 1997 and 1998. The COLI Settlement further provides that Grace must allocate a portion of the permitted COLI interest deductions against foreign source income for purposes of determining the availability of foreign tax credits in each of the tax years at issue. This effectively would decrease the amount of foreign tax credits that Grace may apply to reduce U.S. taxes on foreign source income. The COLI Order also approves termination of the COLI policies. Upon termination of the policies, the COLI Settlement provides that Grace will only have to recognize 20% of the gain as taxable income. Grace expects to apply its net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards to offset this income. However, since NOL carryforwards cannot fully offset a corporation's alternative minimum taxable income, the recognition of this income may result in some degree of tax liability if Grace is subject to paying the alternative minimum tax in that year. As part of terminating the COLI policies at issue, Grace anticipates receiving cash proceeds from its insurers. Assuming a termination date of September 30, 2004, Grace would have received approximately \$20 million in proceeds. This amount will likely fluctuate until the actual termination date, which is expected to be in the first quarter of 2005.

2.5.3.2 Other Disputed Tax Claims

2.5.3.2.1 Temporary Health Care Staffing Business

The IRS has asserted approximately \$62 million of additional federal income tax withholding and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes plus interest and related penalties against a Grace subsidiary that operated a temporary health care staffing business until its sale in 1999. The IRS contends that certain per diem reimbursements made by the business should have been treated as wages subject to employment taxes and federal income tax withholding. Grace contends that the per diem and expense allowance plans were in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as other published guidance from the IRS. The matter is currently pending in the U.S. Court of Claims. The parties are in settlement negotiations on this matter.

2.5.3.2.2 Bekaert Textiles N.V.

Under an indemnification agreement, Grace is also responsible for defense costs and payment of any tax assessments levied by the Belgian government on a former Grace subsidiary, Bekaert Textiles N.V. ("Bekaert"), in connection with foreign bond transactions in 1989 and 1990. Shortly after receipt of the assessments, Bekaert filed tax protests with the Belgian taxing authority, which failed to act on the protests. To stop the running of interest, Bekaert commenced litigation in 2001 against the Belgian government on the issue, which is pending. The total amount allegedly owed for taxes and interest is approximately \$14 million.

2.5.3.2.3 Remedium Joint Venture

In 1999, Grace and de maximis, inc. ("de maximis"), an environmental project management company, formed a special purpose environmental remediation management joint venture, Remedium Group, Inc. ("Remedium"), to centralize, manage and minimize environmental expenditures associated with certain Grace remediation sites. The joint venture was created by virtue of de maximis acquiring Remedium Class B stock. Grace reported a \$128.6 million capital loss from that sale. In September 2004, the IRS concluded that Grace's capital loss should be disallowed but that no penalties should be imposed. Grace contends that the Remedium joint venture was formed for several valid business reasons and that the capital loss was properly claimed and reported. If the 1999 capital loss were disallowed, the result would be a reduction in Grace's NOLs, which could cost Grace up to \$45 million, plus any applicable state taxes, interest or penalties. Because of the potential magnitude of this issue on Grace's available NOLs and, as a consequence, its importance in developing the Plan, Grace has requested and the IRS has agreed to review this issue on an accelerated basis. Grace is also considering petitioning the Bankruptcy Court to assume jurisdiction to resolve this matter.

2.5.3.2.4 State Income Tax Claims

Certain state income tax Claims relating to past tax years may involve significant amounts. Although state income tax proofs of claim have been filed against Grace in the amount of approximately \$57 million, Grace estimates that it will have to pay out approximately \$10 million with respect to these Claims. Grace also estimates that it will be required to pay out additional state taxes and interest to reflect the state impact of IRS federal audit adjustments.

The Debtors estimate such liability at approximately \$37 million through the Petition Date. To the extent the state tax obligations are sustained, however, and they result in Fresenius Indemnified Taxes, the Fresenius Indemnified Taxes are obligations that the Debtors are obligated under the Fresenius Settlement Agreement promptly to pay in full in cash when due and payable.

2.6 Liabilities other than Litigation Claims

2.6.1 Current Liabilities not Subject to Compromise Under the Bankruptcy Code

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors had approximately \$366.2 million in current liabilities not subject to compromise under the Bankruptcy Code. This amount represents the sum of short-term debt, income taxes, and trade and other operating liabilities that are due or will become payable within one year after September 30, 2004. These liabilities are expected to be satisfied in accordance with their terms.

2.6.2 Non-Current Liabilities not Subject to Compromise Under the Bankruptcy Code

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors had approximately \$404.3 million in non-current liabilities not subject to compromise under the Bankruptcy Code. This amount consists of \$34.1 million of deferred income taxes, \$295.9 million of liabilities related to Grace's defined-benefit pension plans, \$73.0 million in other non-current liabilities, and \$1.3 million in long-term debt. These liabilities relate to obligations that arose subsequent to the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases and will be satisfied in accordance with their terms.

2.6.3 Liabilities Subject to Compromise Under the Bankruptcy Code

2.6.3.1 Debt and Accrued Interest

As of September 30, 2004, as recorded on the Debtors' books, there was outstanding approximately \$572.8 million of debt and accrued interest. This amount consists of \$500 million in principal under the Debtors' pre-petition credit facilities and \$57.7 million in interest accrued at the 90-day floating U.S. LIBOR rate plus 100 basis points (average of 3.2%), \$12.5 million drawn under letters of credit, and the balance in miscellaneous capital lease obligations. Instead of the 90-day floating U.S. LIBOR rate plus 100 basis points, the Plan provides for interest at a rate of 6.09%, compounded quarterly, for obligations under the Debtors' pre-petition credit facilities, which results in total accrued interest of approximately \$120.6 million as of September 30, 2004. In addition, the Plan provides for interest at a rate of 4.19%, compounded annually, for amounts drawn under letters of credit, which results in accrued interest of approximately \$1.2 million as of September 30, 2004. These liabilities will be paid as General Unsecured Claims under the Plan. In addition, certain capital leases will be reinstated and paid in accordance with their terms; and all undrawn or partially drawn letters of credit, including letters of credit outstanding under the Debtors' pre-petition credit facilities, will be replaced as soon as practicable with new or replacement letters of credit under a new facility.

2.6.3.2 Income Taxes

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors have established approximately \$232 million in reserves, for financial reporting purposes, for potential income taxes and related statutory interest including those described in Section 2.5.3 above (including approximately \$30 million of reserves classified in Other Accrued Liabilities). This amount reflects the Debtors' estimated liability for a number of contested income tax matters. Of this amount, approximately \$182 million is expected to be paid in cash on or before the Effective Date in settlement of assessed or asserted income tax claims (including approximately \$30 million of reserves classified in Other Accrued Liabilities) including obligations for Fresenius Indemnified Taxes that the Debtors are obligated promptly to pay in full in cash when due and payable under the Fresenius Settlement Agreement. The remainder will be satisfied as Priority Tax Claims under the Plan or as otherwise agreed with the relevant taxing authorities. To the extent these tax claims are not paid in full in cash prior to the Effective Date, and they are Fresenius Indemnified Taxes, they are tax obligations that the Debtors are obligated under the Fresenius Settlement Agreement promptly to pay in full in cash when due and payable.

2.6.3.3 Post-Retirement Benefits Other than Pensions

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors had approximately \$122.9 million in liabilities relating to post-retirement benefits other than pensions. This amount represents the present value of the Debtors' estimated future annual obligations under their retiree medical program. This liability is being funded currently, and will pass through as a continuing obligation of the Reorganized Debtors under the Plan.

2.6.3.4 Unfunded Special Pension Arrangements

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors had approximately \$70.9 million of unfunded special pension arrangements. This amount represents the present value of various non-qualified, unfunded special pension arrangements with both current and former employees of the Debtors. Approximately \$8 million of this amount relates to due but unpaid amounts since the Petition Date as a result of funding limits set by the Bankruptcy Court, and will be paid on the Effective Date or as soon as practicable thereafter. Pursuant to the Plan, the remainder will be re-instated as continuing obligations of the Reorganized Debtors and will be satisfied in accordance with their terms.

2.6.3.5 Accounts Payable

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors had approximately \$31.4 million in liabilities to suppliers and other service providers that were due and payable as of the Petition Date. These liabilities will be paid as General Unsecured Claims under the Plan and will include post-petition interest at a rate of 4.19%, compounded annually, which as of September 30, 2004 was an additional approximately \$4.9 million.

2.6.3.6 Other Accrued Liabilities

As of September 30, 2004, the Debtors had approximately \$101 million in other accrued liabilities. This amount represents contractual obligations and estimates of costs to resolve pre-

petition contingencies. Of this amount, approximately \$10 million is expected to be satisfied as Allowed General Unsecured Claims at the Effective Date, approximately \$30 million is expected to be satisfied as Priority Tax Claims under the Plan (see Section 2.6.3.2 of this Disclosure Statement), and approximately \$3 million is expected to be satisfied as Administrative Expense Claims. The remainder will be re-instated and satisfied in accordance with their terms, including approximately \$5 million expected to be treated as Class 3 Claims, \$24 million expected to be treated as Administrative Expense Claims, \$13 million expected to be General Unsecured Claims, and \$17 million of non-core reserves.

2.7 Assets and other Rights

2.7.1 Excess Real Property

The Debtors own a number of parcels of excess real property, most of which were used in previously divested operations, are not useful for the Debtors' current operations, and are not readily marketable. Some of the excess property is not marketable because it is undergoing environmental remediation, which is often an expensive and lengthy process. Although Grace is actively engaged in selling properties that are considered marketable, the net value of the Debtors' excess real property does not appear material.

2.7.2 Insurance Rights

2.7.2.1 Overview

Grace previously purchased insurance policies that provide coverage for the 1962 – 1985 period with respect to asbestos-related lawsuits and Claims. Since 1985, however, insurance coverage for asbestos-related liabilities has not been commercially available to Grace. Insurance policies that were purchased by Grace prior to 1962 were determined by the courts to be inapplicable because they were purchased prior to the year in which Grace acquired the Zonolite Company, through which Grace began producing asbestos containing products. However, as part of the Zonolite acquisition, Grace obtained all rights under the insurance policies purchased by Zonolite.

2.7.2.2 Primary Insurance Coverage

Grace's primary insurance coverage for 1962 – 1985 is in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence with annual aggregate product-liability limits ranging from \$1 to \$2 million. With one exception, coverage disputes regarding the Grace and Zonolite primary policies have been settled, and the settlement amounts paid in full. The only unsettled primary coverage is that of Continental Casualty Company ("CNA") for 1973 – 1985. In a pending declaratory judgment action in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Grace asserts that this coverage is still available to pay asbestos-related Claims that are not based on product liability, such as Claims made by certain Libby residents. This action is currently stayed due to the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases.

2.7.2.3 Excess Insurance Coverage

Grace's excess coverage is for levels of loss above certain levels. The levels vary from policy to policy, creating "layers" of excess coverage, some of which are triggered before others.

As of May 31, 2004, after subtracting previous reimbursements by insurers and allowing for discounts pursuant to certain settlement agreements, there remains \$978 million of excess coverage from more than 30 presently solvent insurers.

Grace has entered into settlement agreements with various excess insurance carriers. These settlements involve amounts paid and to be paid to Grace. One such settlement agreement provides for reimbursement of a specified percentage of each dollar spent by Grace or the Non-Debtor Affiliates to settle or defend asbestos-related Claims. It is the Debtors' position that, under this agreement, a group of carriers has agreed to reimburse Grace for 20% of each dollar spent to settle or defend personal injury or property damage Claims, up to a remaining maximum reimbursement of approximately \$78 million. The other settlement agreements would be available to pay asbestos-related personal injury Claims. The remaining maximum aggregate amount available under these other settlement agreements is approximately \$417 million. With respect to asbestos-related personal injury Claims, the settlement agreements generally require that the Claims be spread over the Claimant's exposure period and that each insurer pay a pro rata portion of each Claim based on the amount of coverage provided during each year of the total exposure period. Nothing in Section 2.7.2.3 of this Disclosure Statement is intended to affect or vary the above-reference settled agreements.

Presently, Grace has no agreements in place with insurers with respect to approximately \$483 million of excess coverage, which is at layers of coverage that have not yet been triggered by the value of claims submitted by Grace.

Grace believes that the ZAI Claims also are covered under the settlement agreements and unsettled policies discussed above to the extent they relate to installations of ZAI occurring after July 1, 1973.

Grace has approximately \$355 million of excess coverage with insolvent or non-paying insurance carriers. (Non-paying carriers are those that, although technically not insolvent, are not currently meeting their obligations to pay claims.) Grace has filed and continues to file claims in the insolvency proceedings of insolvent carriers. Grace is currently receiving distributions from some of these insolvent carriers and expects to receive distributions in the future.

2.7.2.4 Estimated Insurance Recoveries

Grace's total reimbursement percentage for asbestos-related personal injury Claims will vary based on the total amount of asbestos-related liability. Grace estimates that it would receive \$500 million from settled and solvent unsettled insurance carriers if the Asbestos Trust Aggregate Fund is determined by the Court to be the maximum permitted under the Plan. (Coverage for property damage Claims is available only under the settlement agreement referred to above that has a maximum remaining reimbursement of approximately \$78 million and, therefore, any amounts paid in respect of such property damage Claims would reduce the amount payable for personal injury Claims.) Generally, the reimbursement percentage decreases at higher levels of liability. At \$1 billion and \$2 billion of estimated personal injury liability, the reimbursement percentages would be approximately 34% and 28%, respectively. The

prospective financial information assumes that there will be no recoveries from insolvent carriers.

Grace's ultimate recovery of insurance proceeds may be affected by the financial status of the remaining solvent insurance carriers and the number, nature and amount of individual Allowed Asbestos Claims.

2.7.3 Debtors' Retained Causes of Action

2.7.3.1 Preservation of Causes of Action

The Debtors are currently investigating whether to pursue potential causes of action against any Claimants or Entities. The investigation has not been completed. Under the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors are retaining the Debtors' rights to commence and pursue any and all Retained Causes of Action. The Debtors may pursue them before the Effective Date. Otherwise, the Reorganized Debtors may pursue them after the Effective Date. The potential causes of action include the following:

- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, for, or in any way involving, the collection of accounts receivable or general ledger items that are due and owing to the Debtors, including trade receivables, rent and other lease and sublease charges, franchise and/or license fees, payments due under equipment leases and licenses, or other miscellaneous charges;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against customers, including those customers listed in Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book, for accounts receivable, improper setoff, overpayment, or any other claim arising out of the customer relationship;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against vendors, including those vendors listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book, for overpayment, improper setoff, warranty, indemnity, or any other claim arising out of the vendor relationship;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against Entities, including vendors with respect to pre-petition violations of applicable federal or state securities laws;
- All actual actions or potential breach of contract actions against any customers, vendors or Entities who violated the automatic stay after the Petition Date, including those customers or vendors listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against landlords, lessees, sublessees, or assignees arising from various leases, subleases and assignment agreements relating thereto, including actions for unpaid rent, overcharges relating to taxes, common area maintenance and other similar charges, including those claims identified on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;

- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against the Debtors' current or former insurance carriers to recover unpaid reimbursements and claims, overpayment of premiums and fees, claims for breach of contract, indemnity obligations or coverage or similar causes of action, including those insurers listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against purchasers of assets from the Debtors relating to breach of the purchase agreement or unpaid compensation thereunder, including those purchasers listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- Any and all rights to payment against any taxing authority or other potentially liable party, including parties other than the government for reimbursement of taxes and tax payments, listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book for any tax refunds, credits, overpayments or offsets that may be due and owing to the Debtors for taxes that the Debtors may have paid to any such taxing authority;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, relating to deposits or other amounts owed by any creditor, lessor utility, supplier, vendor, landlord, sub-lessee, assignee or other Entity;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, relating to environmental and product liability matters;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, arising out of, or relating to, the Debtors' intellectual property rights;
- Any litigation or lawsuit initiated by any of the Debtors that is currently pending, whether in the Bankruptcy Court, before the American Arbitration Association, or any other court or tribunal or initiated against the Debtors after the Petition Date for which the Debtors may have counterclaims or other rights, including those actions listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual actions or potential actions, whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, against any of the Debtors' former Professionals, except the Asbestos Protected Parties, for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, negligence or professional misconduct or malpractice, or other tortious conduct, including those former Professionals listed on Exhibit 11 in the Exhibit Book;
- All actual or potential contract and tort actions that may exist or may subsequently arise; and
- All actual actions or potential actions whether legal, equitable or statutory in nature, arising out of, or in connection with the Debtors' business or operations, except actions against the Asbestos Protected Parties to the extent they are released by the Plan.